

KING OF 'GRIFTERS' TELLS HOW SUCKERS FALL INTO TRAPS

Frank Thompson Forced to
Plead Guilty to Fleecing Man
Out of \$60,000.

AIDES GAVE HIM AWAY.

"One Is Born Every Minute
Willing to Take a Chance,"
He Says.

That there is a sucker born every minute is an old saying, getting truer each day, according to Frank Thompson, the sure-thing gambler, now in the Tombs awaiting sentence before Judge Rosalsky for fleecing a St. Louis pawnbroker out of more than \$60,000 in a fake faro game.

Thompson has lived, according to his associates, all his life by his wits, inventing swindles to help the "grifters" separate the man willing to take a chance from his bank roll. Statistics on file in the office of Assistant District Attorney James O'Malley show that Thompson and the gang cleaned up nearly half a million during the last ten years. These figures come from members of Thompson's piratical crew, who like rats deserted the sinking ship and furnished the District Attorney the necessary evidence to force Thompson, their leader, to plead guilty.

It was not until Thompson read in The Evening World yesterday that the old "Doc" Edes, the crooked faro dealer of the gang, had confessed and shown the prosecutor how the victims were fleeced by the manipulation of the crooked deal box that Thompson capitulated. Then he was told that the other members of his gang had to leave their hides, followed in the footsteps of Edes and would, if their chief stood trial, testify against him.

Years ago, Thompson, according to Assistant District Attorney O'Malley and Kirose, was a wiretapper, independent of but working with the Gonner brothers, Charles and Frederick. When the Legislature, seven years ago, put a stop to that game by amending the law so as to overcome the McCord decision of the Court of Appeals that all litigants had to go into court with clean hands, Thompson branched out with a new scheme. In his mind he organized the Grand National Club, a sporting organization composed of multi-millionaires, with palatial gambling houses in this city, Saratoga, Atlantic City and Palm Beach. He employed capers in every city of importance to hunt up wealthy suckers and lure them to this city under the pretense the bank roll of the club could be obtained by the bribing of the dealers. In one instance, Thompson, according to the prosecutors, sent a special train to Pittsburgh to bring on the scene of a wealthy family who had thousands to spend and didn't care how he spent it.

It was in this way Thompson's gang fleeced Henry Gallant, the St. Louis pawnbroker.

When suckers were few for this game Thompson and his gang worked other games to get easy money. One of the informers has told Mr. O'Malley how a wealthy resident of this city, of sporting proclivities, lost \$15,000 on a fake prize fight pulled off by the gang in a Westchester barn. The wealthy one was induced to put up the money on the pretext that he could bet it at five to one on one of the fighters, arrangements having been made to have the other fighter lay down. Just after the fight began

pseudo police in uniform raided the fight, capturing the sucker, who was not given his liberty until he promised not to make any kick. Fake foot races and other athletic events were pulled off in this style, with great profit to Thompson and his gang.

A wealthy dentist of this city, who was looking for easy money, lost \$4,500 in an endeavor to get \$30,000 on a crooked transaction. He was picked up in the lobby of one of the Broadway hotels by one of Thompson's men. It took two weeks for the gang to formulate a plan to get the \$4,500. One night the dentist was told that if he would put up his money he would be let in on the ground floor of a big opium smuggling operation.

The stuff is on the Canadian shore waiting to be carried across the Niagara River," he was told. With three members of the gang the dentist went to Niagara Falls. He was shown a number of cans, all of which contained the contraband so he was told, and arrangements were made in his presence with two boatmen to transport it to the American side. In midstream a power launch filled with uniformed men, presumably Custom House officials, pursued the two boats, and in order not to be caught with the goods the cans were thrown overboard. The dentist, until a few days ago honestly believed he had had a narrow escape from arrest and imprisonment. Each can contained nothing but dirt and water and a weight so that they would sink.

"Big Sam" Giroux, the last member of the Thompson gang to hold out with a plea of innocence, changed his plea before Judge Rosalsky in General Sessions to-day. Sentence will be passed on him Feb. 7. Giroux who represented himself to be Cornelius Vanderbilt at Thompson's "gambling parties," pleaded guilty to the charge of grand larceny in the first degree.

KILLED BY SUBWAY TRAIN.

No One Saw Van Gelder Throw Self to Tracks.

A man who, from papers in his pockets, was Harold Van Gelder of No. 453 East One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Street and employed on a lighter of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, was killed early to-day by a southbound subway train a few feet north of the Thirty-third Street station platform. No one saw the man, who was about twenty-eight, throw himself to the tracks.

Burglars Get \$1,000 in Stamps.

BEACON, N. Y., Jan. 28.—Burglars early to-day broke into the Hopewell Junction post-office, blew a safe and got \$1,000 worth of stamps and \$15 in cash. Howard Stevens is postmaster.

GIRL UNHURT IN LEAP FROM FIFTH STORY

Says She did It to Escape From
Man Who Was Forcing
Door.

Fifteen detectives, under command of Capt. Cooper, are searching Upper Harlem to-day for Otto Beiderman, a salesman of No. 162 West One Hundred and Forty-fifth Street, as a result of the story told by Mabel Murphy, a salesgirl, after she had jumped from the fifth-story window of Beiderman's apartment early this morning.

Miss Murphy, bleeding from a scratch on her face and disheveled, asked Policeman Hayes of the One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Street to get a doctor for her after her fall. He could not believe that she had fallen five stories until she took him into the court of the apartment house and showed him the open window and the broken clothes-line which had saved her.

"I thought I should be killed," said the girl, "but I thought it was better to be killed than to be in that room when he broke the door open, so I shut my eyes and jumped."

Miss Murphy was ill in bed to-day at the home of her friend, Mrs. Kelly, 21 No. 224 West One Hundred and Twenty-third Street.

U-BOATS DELAY LINER.

German Submarines Unusually Active in Sea War Zone.

Numerous German submarines have been sighted in the war zone around the British Isles during the last few weeks, according to passengers who arrived today on the steamship California, from Liverpool and Glasgow. The sailing of the steamship was delayed one day, owing to the reported presence of U-boats, and the California was escorted by torpedo destroyers until safely outside of the war zone.



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NEW MODES in SUITS and FROCKS for MISSES

To Jenny and Lanvin, Spring Fashions for the younger element owe their charm. Only the consummate art of these Parisian designers could have evolved styles so simple, so distinctive, so imbued with the spirit of Springtime and of youth. Copies and adaptations of their best models are many in the Lord & Taylor collection.

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Taffetas, with bodices of Georgette Crepe, in the two tones; charmeuse and Gros de Londres, with hand embroidered bodices of crepe Georgette or silk net over silver lace. Skirts with pleated ruffles, tucks or draped to give the Spanish hip line.

Other Dresses, of smart style, ranging from a simple taffeta model, at \$16.50, to a most elaborate Gown of Georgette Crepe at \$95.00.

New Spring Suits,
\$25.00, \$29.50, \$35.00 and \$39.00

Gabardines, serges, checks, silk and serge in combination effects. Models with belted blouse coats or the jauntiest of short jackets. Pockets a-plenty; buttons, rows of them, with braid and heavy silk stitching in contrasting colors. Collars, flaring and in cape effects, or with smart vestees, quite mannish. Skirts invariably wide, with pleats, panels and pockets. More elaborate Suits in finer materials, range up to \$99.50.

Third Floor

GLIMPSES of NEW SPRING MILLINERY

Concerning Chapeaux, Fashion's dictates are delightfully varied, but if you would know the true trend of the millinery mode, view the Lord & Taylor collection of Midseason and Spring Hats.

Here are Sailors of picturesque Spanish type, wide brimmed and dashing; Bolero turbans, smart little, low crowned shapes; close-fitting toques in round, oval and helmet effects. Fashioned of satin or straw and satin combined, these in dark rich colors, are the smartest of Tailored Hats.

Hats in the new bisque tints, faille, satins and straws in smart Sailor Shapes, with metal ornaments, feather fancies, bright-hued fruits and foliage, or mammoth bows are fancied.

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